

Thursday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra announces 35th Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Season

12-week summer concert series features ISO performances of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, an evening of Mozart, renowned movie music of John Williams, and a David Bowie tribute concert

Prairie Pops highlighted by the music of ABBA, Michael Jackson, the Beatles and Neil Diamond

ISO unveils the ISO Sunset Lounge, the ultimate concert upgrade

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 24, 2016) –The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 35th season of *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* in 2016 with 12 straight weeks of stunning musical performances and guests.

The season lineup unveiled today includes six weekends headlined by the ISO plus additional Prairie Pops concerts featuring musical guests Michael Cavanaugh, performing music of Billy Joel & Elton John, and the four-man vocal sensation, The Company Men. Superstar tribute concerts to ABBA, The Beatles, Michael Jackson and Neil Diamond round out the popular concert series, expected to draw more than 100,000 attendees this summer.

Discount value packs and season table subscriptions are on sale now. Value packs of 10 tickets each are available for \$180, a price that will increase to \$210 on April 2.

Marsh Supermarkets has served as the Title Sponsor for *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* since the first concert at Conner Prairie in Fishers, Indiana, in 1982.

The 2016 *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* schedule includes:

June 17-18

Rhapsody in Blue

Tito Muñoz, Conductor

Jon Kimura Parker, Piano

Kick off the ISO's summer music celebration with this opening weekend performance featuring Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from *On the Town*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Dvorák's Symphony No. 9 ("New World").

June 24-25

Tribute to David Bowie

Celebrated by critics, musicians and fans worldwide, David Bowie sold an estimated 140 million records and produced eleven chart-topping albums in a career that spanned over five decades. The London-born Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee released his 25th and final album "Blackstar" two days prior to his death on Jan. 10, 2016. Celebrate the life and legacy of David Bowie with the ISO as the ISO performs such hits as: "Under Pressure," "Changes," "Space Oddity," "China Girl," "Heroes," "Rebel Rebel" and more.

July 2-4

Star Spangled Symphony

Bring a picnic and wear your red, white and blue to the ISO's annual patriotic performance as we celebrate America and salute U.S. military service members. This summertime tradition features symphony favorites and a spectacular fireworks show at each concert.

July 8-9

All Mozart

David Danzmayr, Conductor

Caroline Goulding, Violin

Let the music of Mozart move you as David Danzmayr conducts his famous works, including the Overture to *The Abduction from the Seraglio* and Symphony No. 36 ("Linz"). Called "precociously gifted" by *Gramophone* magazine, Caroline Goulding performs Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major.

July 15-16

Movie Music of John Williams

The ISO performs the unforgettable hit movie music of John Williams, which include some of the most popular and recognizable film scores in cinematic history—"Jaws," "Star Wars," "Superman," "Indiana Jones" series, "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," "Jurassic Park" and the "Harry Potter" films.

July 22-23

Michael Cavanaugh performs music of Billy Joel & Elton John

Handpicked by Billy Joel, Michael Cavanaugh earned Grammy and Tony award nominations for his role in the Broadway Musical "Movin' Out." Dubbed the New Voice of the American Rock & Roll Songbook, the charismatic piano vocalist has been delivering knockout musical performances ever since.

**The ISO does not perform in these concerts*

*July 29-30

TBA

*Aug. 5-6

Music of ABBA

Fan-favorite tribute band Waterloo returns to Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* to perform favorite hits of Swedish pop group ABBA, including "SOS," "Dancing Queen" and "Mamma Mia," among many more. Be sure to bring your dancing shoes as the stage front dance floor will be open for all.

*Aug. 12-13

Classical Mystery Tour: Music of the Beatles

Classical Mystery Tour returns with their annual Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* tribute to The Beatles. This year's performances will be dedicated to the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' final concert tour of 1966.

*Aug. 19-20

TBA

*Aug. 26-27

Who's Bad: Music of Michael Jackson

Thrilling fans for more than a decade, the Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band brings the chart-topping music and jaw-dropping dance moves of the undisputed King of Pop to Conner Prairie. Sing and dance along with them to your favorite Michael Jackson hits, such as “Beat It”, “Thriller,” and so many more!

*Sept. 1-2

Super Diamond: The Neil Diamond Tribute

Neil Diamond first performed in Indianapolis in 1977. Now, nearly 40 years later, tribute band Super Diamond performs for the first time at Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie*. Enjoy three-decades of Neil Diamond classics including “Forever in Blue Jeans,” “America,” “Sweet Caroline,” “Song Sung Blue” and “I’m a Believer.”

*Sept. 3-4

The Company Men: Music of the Decades

The Company Men blend today’s Top 40 hits with reimagined classics from the past six decades from your favorite artists, including The Four Tops, Katy Perry, Adele, The Temptations, Billy Joel, Meghan Trainor, Prince, Michael Bublé and more. This show-stopping performance includes 50+ hits in 90 minutes!

10-Ticket Value Packs & Table Subscriptions on Sale Now

Until April 1, Value Packs (10 concert tickets) can be purchased for \$180, a 45 percent savings from the regular gate price. Value Packs increase in price to \$210 beginning April 2. Value Pack tickets may be used for any concert, including Star Spangled Symphony and other premium shows.

Season table subscriptions (seating up to 10) may be purchased for \$598 for the entire season, a more than 40 percent discount compared to single table prices. Discounted premium parking subscriptions are also available for \$247 for the season, providing easy-access parking for one show of each concert.

Value Packs may be purchased in person at the ISO Box Office, by phone, or online. Table subscriptions and premium parking can be purchased in person at the Box Office or by phone.

New ISO Sunset Lounge Offers the Ultimate Concert Experience

New this year, the ISO Sunset Lounge offers Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* patrons the ultimate concert upgrade. Lounge tickets include exclusive access to an exclusive lounge area located next to the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre stage, private bathrooms, a \$10 voucher to purchase food and drink, and occasional artist meet and greets. Lounge patrons also have access to a special parking area allowing for quick entry and exit.

Individual tickets to the ISO Sunset Lounge go on sale on Monday, April 25 for \$50 each. Lounge admission for premium concerts is \$60 per person.

Single Tickets & Tables on Sale Monday, April 25

Single tickets for Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* concerts go on sale Monday, April 25 and can be purchased the following ways:

- Marsh stores – Discount adult tickets may be purchased at all Indiana Marsh locations for \$26 (\$32 for premium concerts) with the presentation of a Marsh Fresh Idea Card.

- www.IndianapolisSymphony.org – Advance concert tickets may be purchased at the ISO’s website for \$27/adults and \$13/children.
- Conner Prairie Amphitheatre – Gate prices at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre are \$32/adults and \$15/children.

Single tables can be purchased beginning April 25 and are \$70 each.

Premium Concert Weekends

All performances of the Star Spangled Symphony and Classical Mystery Tour: Music of the Beatles are considered premium concerts. Advance single tickets for these popular premium concerts can be purchased at the ISO Box Office for \$33/adults and \$13/children. Premium concert gate prices are \$38/adults and \$15/children. Tables for premium weekends are \$90 each.

Group Sales

Groups of 30 or more may purchase discounted tickets to *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie*. For group sales, contact ISO Group Sales Manager Joshua Shuck at (317) 231-6788 or at jshuck@IndianapolisSymphony.org.

For more information on any Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra indoor or outdoor presentations, contact the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (317) 639-4300, toll free (800) 366-8457, or online at IndianapolisSymphony.org.

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Marsh Symphony on the Prairie

A summertime tradition since its inception in 1982, when 14-year-old violin sensation Joshua Bell made his professional orchestra debut in the inaugural concert, the *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* series has grown from a few summer shows to a 12-weekend series attended by more than 100,000 people each year. Marsh Supermarkets has been the Title Sponsor of the *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* series since day one – an unprecedented commitment to the ISO and to the community.

Marsh Supermarkets

Headquartered in Indianapolis, Marsh operates 72 Marsh Supermarkets and O’Malia Food Markets in Indiana and Ohio, with 37 Indiana pharmacy locations. Marsh has the distinction of being the first grocery store in the world to use electronic scanners to ring up purchases.